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EXHIBIT (02.00)

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1. SCICOUNS DISCUSSED ENVIRONMENTAL EXHIBIT WITH KAZAKOV
ON MAY 5. KAZAKOV STATED THAT INABILITY OF US TO ARRANGE
THE EXHIBIT ON THE "RECEIVING SIDE PAYS" BASIS WILL CAUSE
DIFFICULTIES FOR THE SOVIETS IN ORGANIZING A POSSIBLE
RETURN EXHIBIT. HYDROMET HAS CONSULTED WITH MINISTRY OF
CULTURE AND THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, WHICH HAVE INDICATED
THAT IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT SOVIETS WILL BE ABLE TO FINANCE
A RETURN SOVIET ENVIRONMENTAL EXHIBIT TO THE US IN 1979.
KAZAKOV INDICATED THAT SOVIETS ARE GIVING SERIOUS CONSIDER-
ATION TO PROPOSING US AND SOVIET ENVIRONMENTAL EXHIBITS
IN 1980, WHICH HE IMPLIED THE SOVIETS MIGHT WANT TO
ARRANGE UNDER THE US-USSR CULTURAL EXCHANGE AGREEMENT.
(HOWEVER, KAZAKOV NOTED THAT SOVIETS HAD NOT COMPLETELY
FORECLOSED OPTION OF AGREEING TO HOLD US ENVIRONMENTAL
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EXHIBIT IN USSR IN 1979, AND ARRANGING A RETURN SOVIET
ENVIRONMENTAL EXHIBIT AT A LATER DATE.)

2. SCICOUNS STRESSED THAT ON US SIDE FUNDS FOR THE
PROPOSED EXHIBIT MIGHT BE UNAVAILABLE IF AGREEMENT TO HOLD
EXHIBIT IN 1979 IS NOT REACHED SOON. SCICOUNS ALSO
STRESSED THAT US ENVIRONMENTAL EXHIBIT MUST NOT BE

CONSIDERED TO FALL UNDER THE US-USSR CULTURAL EXCHANGES AGREEMENT.

3. IN VIEW OF THE EVIDENT UNCERTAINTIES ON THE SOVIET SIDE, IT MAY BE BEST TO ALLOW THE PROPOSED 1979 ENVIRONMENTAL EXHIBIT TO DIE A NATURAL DEATH. HOWEVER, IF WASHINGTON AGENCIES ARE STILL INTERESTED IN ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE US ENVIRONMENTAL EXHIBIT FOR THE FALL OF 1979, WE RECOMMEND THAT COSTLE WRITE IZRAEL' AGAIN TO STRESS URGENCY OF SOVIET AGREEMENT BY AN EARLY FIXED DATE TO HOLD EXHIBIT IN ORDER TO PREVENT US FUNDS FROM DISAPPEARING, AND TO PROPOSE THAT QUESTION OF RETURN SOVIET EXHIBIT BE DECIDED AT A LATER DATE. COSTLE LETTER SHOULD STATE THAT US ENVIRONMENTAL EXHIBIT WOULD BE CONSIDERED TO FALL OUTSIDE THE FRAMEWORK OF THE US-USSR CULTURAL EXCHANGES AGREEMENT, ALTHOUGH SOVIETS WOULD, OF COURSE, BE ABLE TO INCLUDE A POSSIBLE RETURN SOVIET ENVIRONMENTAL EXHIBIT UNDER THEIR EXHIBIT QUOTA WITHIN THE CULTURAL AGREEMENT. TOON

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